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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT:

LI, ET AL.

SERIAL NO.:

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TITLE:

TARGETED THERAPEUTIC AGENTS

ART UNIT:

1616

EXAMINER: JONES

CONF. NO.: 9603

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

ELECTION

An Office Action was mailed in the above-captioned application on April 3, 2003. In such Office Action claims 1-32 were pending. Claims 1-32 were subject to a restriction/election requirement. This Response to Restriction Requirement document is submitted in response to said Office Action.

Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121

An election requirement was made to pending claims 1-32. The Examiner has asked Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for examination purposes, identifying (a) the site of pathology; (b) the targeting entity; (c) the linking carrier; (d) the therapeutic entity; (e) if applicable, the chelating group; (f) if applicable, the stabilizing entity; (g) if applicable, the additional material encapsulated in the linking carrier; and (h) if applicable, the additional materials attached to the surface of the linking carrier.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the species having (a) an $\alpha_v \beta_3$ integrin-expressing site of pathology; (b) an antibody targeting entity; (c) a polymerized liposome linking carrier; (d) and an antibody therapeutic agent.

> 37 CFR 1.8 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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Claims directed to the elected species include Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 (in part), 13 (in part), 14, 22 (in part), 23, 24, 27 (in part) and 28 (in part).

If it would be helpful to obtain favorable consideration of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call and discuss this case with the undersigned. This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and an authorization to charge all fees therefore to deposit account No. 19-5117 if not otherwise specifically requested. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any fees created by the filing of this document or any deficiency of fees submitted herewith to be charged to deposit account No. 19-5117.

Respectfully submitted,

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